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SUBJECT: TERRORISM FINANCE COORDINATION OFFICER (TFCO) AT POST

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Classified By: DCM Nabeel Khoury for reasons 1.4 (b. and d.)

¶1. (C) Post offers the following response corresponding to the letter of the questions asked in reftel.

(a) Contact information for TFCO: Post's Terrorist Financing Coordination Officer is DCM Nabeel Khoury. Post's Terrorist Financing Action Officer is Pol/Econ Deputy Jill Hutchings, who may be reached via classified email at HutchingsJE2@state.sgov.gov and unclassified at HutchingsJE@state.gov. She may be contacted at all times through the Embassy switchboard: 967-1-303-155 ext. 2156.

(b) Brief description of TFCO process at your post: At this time Post does not have a terrorist financing coordinating committee, but coordinates terrorist financing issues on an ad hoc basis. Action officer works closely with all offices at post including newly established LEGATT and Visas Viper process. Post may stand up a committee in the future, if necessary.

(c) What does post attempt to accomplish in its TF working group meetings? At this time Post does not have a TF working group.

(d) Suggestions on how to improve coordination among TFCO: Post believes regional meetings and training on specific issues, e.g. hawalas, or nascent terrorist financing systems would be extremely beneficial. Much of the training is targeted on countries with advanced banking systems, rather than countries like Yemen who are only starting to regulate the flow of money through its country.

(e) Suggestions on how to more effectively engage in public diplomacy: Public understanding of the the terrorist designation process is minimal. Our colleagues often ask whether a designated person will soon be deported to the U.S. Background information on the designation process in Arabic would be extremely useful for our outreach efforts.

(f) Indication if TFCO and deputy have received FSI or other training on combating terrorist financing; Terrorist Financing Action Officer Jill Hutchings attended the Summer 03 training course at FSI. To date, no other officers have received training.

(g) What post needs from Washington agencies to make its TF work more effective? Post requests additional training for Yemenis on terrorist financing issues including,assistance in establishing a terrorist financing intelligence unit and training related to improving interagency cooperation. Post assesses the capabilities of the ROYG to be extremely limited in their ability to track the flow of illicit funds.
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